

Supplemental Standards for Awnings in the Historic District.

The following standards are intended to clarify the standards in the Design Review Guidelines for Properties in the City of Woodstock Downtown Business Historic Preservation District and to provide guidance on the maintenance and replacement of awnings.

Historically, awnings served important functional roles such as keeping interior space cooler, preventing merchandise from fading, protecting shoppers, and defining storefronts.

1. Awnings are encouraged on any buildings where they are historically appropriate.
2. Traditional shed type cloth awnings with a loose valance are encouraged.
3. New awnings may be fixed or retractable. If a valance is utilized, the valance should be free hanging to allow movement in the wind. Awnings should not be shiny, synthetic materials nor should they be pulled tightly around aluminum or metal frames. The awning materials should be of cloth or canvas. Barrel vault, semi-circular or umbrella forms are not appropriate, nor are aluminum, wood, or plastic materials.
4. Maintenance of awning hardware and fabric is important. Fabric should be gently cleaned and replaced when necessary. Modern style awnings including those awnings in which the fabric is wrapped tightly around the frame and there is no loose valance, may be maintained, however if the framework is replaced it must be replaced with traditional framework that allows traditionally styled awnings. Replacement fabric on modern awnings must be a cloth that duplicates the appearance of canvas.
5. Signage on the valance part of awning, in compliance with Section 13.8.4 of the sign ordinance, is acceptable.
6. Awning installations should not damage or obscure significant existing building features. Awnings should cover less than one- third of the storefront window; they may be positioned above or below transom windows but should be compatible with surrounding buildings.